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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN CONSULS EXPELLED FROM ARUBA

1. DUTCH COUNSELOR TOLD POL COUNSELOR JAN 15 THAT GNA EXPELLED BOTH VENEZUELAN CONSULS IN ARUBA ON JAN 14. ACTION REPORTEDLY AROSE OUT OF VISIT BY ARUBAN SEPARATIST LEADERS (OF ARUBAN MEP PARTY) TO BONAIRE LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE UNION OF BONAIRE AND ARUBA FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE. ALLEGEDLY, VENEZUELAN CONSULS IN ARUBAN ACCOMPANIED MEP LEADERS TO BONAIRE.

2. DUTCH COUNSELOR SAID GNA PM EVERTSZ TIMED ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXPULSION ORDER TO COINCIDE WITH VISIT OF DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL TO VENEZUELA, THEREBY CAUSING MAXIMUM EMBARRASSMENT TO GOV. PRESIDENT PEREZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR REPORTEDLY WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO ASSURE VAN DER STOEL THAT VENEZUELA HAS NO TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN AND HAS NO INTENTION OF DISTURBING THE STABILITY OF THE CARIBBEAN

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO PRESS ACCOUNT ON THIS SUBJECT IN VENEZUELA, NOR HAVE WE CONFIRMED IT FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.

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